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## THE PRESIDENT TO PURSUE A CONSERVATIVE COURSE.

President Taft's message on the control of railroads and corporations doing an interstate business is radical only in the eyes of those people who cannot bring themselves to realize that the people of this country have made up their minds not to permit such powerful agencies to be gathered into a few hands without doing their best to establish some method of restraint when restraint becomes necessary.

Viewed in the sense that the Administration does not mean to take the back track on what are known as essentially the Roosevelt problems, the President's message should have a reassuring effect. It is a policy which means conservation of values. We cannot imagine anything more unsetting than the announcement, for instance, that this Administration intended to do nothing, but to let things take their course. That would have been a policy which would have meant the unsettling of everything. In every State, in every city the cry would have gone up that all that had been attained in the last five years had been thrown overboard and that the fight must begin afresh. The radicals are those who insist that railroads shall be left alone to do as they please, that corporations shall be permitted to exploit the people without limit except such as their own greed suggests. The announcement of such a policy would have meant chaos. What the President has said, in effect, is that the country means to pursue patiently and steadily, but sanely and conservatively, the path it set out to follow.

And surely nothing that has occurred in the last few years gives those who are opposed to this determination the right to say that it is not immensely better than to fold hands and let things take their course. We believe one thing—that thing being popular belief that an honest Administration is seeking a fair solution of the great problems which vex the country—has done more than anything else to make the people bear with patience the great increase in prices of all the necessities of life that has fallen so heavily on wage-earners. Right or wrong, the public has made up its mind that much of this increase is due to the gathering into a few powerful hands of the vast agencies of transportation and distribution. It would not be content with the conclusion that nothing at all can be done or even attempted that will better present conditions. Admitting that consolidation is the modern answer to the demand for economy and for efficiency; admitting that competition may not be the best solution of many of the vexatious questions which have arisen, it is too much to expect that the great body of the people shall view with complacency or indifference the gradual absorption by a small number of men of interests which so vitally concern them.

The sober announcement of a President as judicially minded as Mr. Taft that the goal at which the country is aiming is not confiscation, not destruction of values, not discouragement of enterprise, but satisfaction of a rational public demand for some method of protecting the public welfare, serves to plant on a still more substantial foundation the sane and sober resolve of a free people.

## THREE-CORNERED CONTEST TO REACH SOUTH POLE.

While funds are being raised for an American expedition to seek for the South Pole, the British government has contributed \$100,000 to equip one of its own explorers for an Antarctic trip. And, even now, France is represented in the search for the southern extremity of the earth's axis.

This finding of the South Pole is to be a real test of American daring and enterprise. Not that there wasn't plenty of opportunity for England, France, and all the world to reach the North Pole before Commander Peary did, but the fact that three nations should be struggling at the same time for the new goal gives special interest to the quest.

Capt. "Bob" Bartlett, who steered Commander Peary's ship into the frozen North, is the man who will head the Antarctic expedition, and it is understood that all that is necessary to point the nose of the ship Roosevelt southward is expense money. Capt.

Robert T. Scott will head the English expedition, and he will start next summer, announcing that he is prepared to end, one, two, or three years in the Antarctic regions to attain his ambition.

Meantime, Dr. Jean Charcot, a Frenchman, is lost to civilization in the South. Certainly, the South Pole ought to be found. It, like the North Pole, isn't of any apparent value except to the scientists, but that doesn't make any difference. Just for the sake of accomplishing something that daring men of other nations seek to do, it is worth while. And here's to the American!

## A LEAGUE OF CONSUMERS TO BEAT DOWN PRICES.

We would not throw a single obstacle in the path of the league which has been organized in Washington to get a stranglehold on whoever and whatever is responsible for the disposition of the grocery bill to mount and to keep mounting, but the organizer of the league has certainly undertaken a very ambitious project. He purposes to interest a million heads of families in it, and then begin to beat down the price of food by every member of the league stopping at the same time to eat a certain thing.

The first article on the program is beef. The argument is that the league can paralyze the butcher and the Beef trust by refusing to buy or eat beef until it gets within range of the average purse. Congressman Champ Clark is an enthusiastic booster for the club. He says his grocery bill is "something fierce," and many others will agree with this complaint. There is just one trouble about the scheme. We hate to be suspicious, but we cannot help entertain the fear that while a good, loyal, honest, hard-working member of the league may stand by the bylaws until the cows come home, denying himself the pleasure of porterhouse and good sirloin, and skimp along on an inimitable substitute, some of the ungenerous will be sneaking around to the butcher's and getting the pick of the shop. It's a mean thought, but the human family is very uncertain. The death penalty ought to be provided for anybody who betrays the organization.

## MAN IN THE BREAD LINE AND HIS VOTE.

When a man like Joseph Fels, the Philadelphia philanthropist, speaks it is worth while to listen. You may not agree with his views. He believes in free trade, in the single tax theory, in doctrines which are socialistic. But his beliefs are of a kind to challenge admiration, and the pity is that they do not excite more extensive imitation, for Joseph Fels is a man who puts his beliefs into substantial form.

Aside from being a successful business man he is a humanitarian. He devotes his time and money to the uplifting of the unfortunate. He has taken an active interest in plan after plan for the encouragement of the poor, seeking to give to them the chance to help themselves.

In a speech before the Poor Richard Club in Philadelphia the other day, Mr. Fels spoke one paragraph which is unusual. Said he:

We complain that the men in the bread line sell their votes. What else have they to sell? Neglecting equity, we defraud and disemploy them. We do not attend to the public business; the public business is neglected, and the consequences annoy us.

## WORKINGS OF EQUAL SUFFRAGE IN COLORADO.

Just what have been the results of woman suffrage in Colorado? The question is often asked because of its obvious bearing on the campaign for equal suffrage which women are carrying on with more or less activity in a number of States in this country, as well as its bearing on the suffrage question in England. It is difficult to get accurate and unbiased information with respect to it.

Dr. Helen L. Sumner, of the Collegiate Equal Suffrage League of New York, is the author of a volume on this subject. The contents constitute what appears to be an impartial summarizing of exhaustive investigations into conditions in Colorado after that State has tried equal suffrage for twelve years. It is likely the work will find wide demand. Dr. Sumner obtained much of her information by liberally distributing blanks with a large number of queries to be answered in all the townships and cities of the State. The answers were collected and analyzed, and the results are set forth in tables.

Those who expect that there will be a quick and something like a complete transformation of things when women get the ballot will be disappointed on reading Dr. Sumner's report on Colorado conditions. On the other hand, some things of moment have been accomplished. Dr. Sumner asserts that in no other State are women and children so well protected from social and economic wrongs as they are in Colorado. This has resulted in part directly from giving the ballot to women and in part from the fact that men have had their moral backbones stiffened through equal suffrage.

Colorado does not yet have the direct primary. Women voters have been hampered to some extent by the fact the old party machinery continues. How far they are working to get rid of this machinery does not clearly ap-

pear. Dr. Sumner finds that it is the better class of women who vote, and not the ignorant and vicious.

The most important result which Dr. Sumner finds is that the women themselves are benefited. Their outlook on life is widened, their relationship to the home improved. They are enabled to get away to some extent from "pots and kettles, trivial scandal, and bridge whist." She finds their interests enlarged, their civic consciousness quickened, and in many cases ability of high order developed, which has been of service to city, country, and State.

The new District Commissioners will not be sworn in until the retiring ones have had something else to say on what the District needs in the way of appropriations. Perhaps it's better thus, as it might be discouraging to the incoming officials to start right off asking for things they can't get.

Cultured Boston's public library has lost Dr. Cook's books in the "fictitious" class. Boston says this is better than throwing them out altogether, which is evidently the same line of reasoning that induced a Brooklyn club to turn the doctor's picture to the wall.

Uncle Joe says the insurgents can control the House if they have enough votes. He used a story to illustrate the point. The insurgents seem to be providing something a little more tangible to prove the same thing.

Estrada is reported to value the services of insurgent generals at 20 cents a day. Still, it's hard to believe that Estrada wouldn't permit them to be a postmaster or so if he ever becomes ruler.

A colored Georgia preacher informed his awe-struck congregation that hades has streets a million miles long and a million miles wide. Well, anyway, there'll be no icy sidewalks to slip upon.

We would advise the jungle beasts to take themselves hastily to the tail end as soon as news of the latest developments in the Ballinger-Pinchot affair reaches a certain party in Africa.

Mayor Gaylor has again shaken the plum tree, and Timpany didn't catch one of the three juicy specimens which fell. Mr. Murphy soon will know how to sympathize with Mr. Bryan.

Halley's comet is said to be approaching the earth at the rate of a million miles an hour. Evidently there are no speed laws in the planetary system.

Mississippi has brought suit against an alleged oyster trust. Just so the oysters are not interfered with there will be no kick from the chorus girls.

A New York man has been arrested for carrying an inflated balloon along Broadway. The way of the aviator is hard when he comes down to earth.

"Uncle Joe" probably will be read out of the party again this week, but he'll open the House proceedings as usual next Monday noon.

Late comers may secure a few desirable recently vacated seats on the water wagon. The S. R. O. sign has been pulled in.

The inquisitive census taker and the reticent spinster soon will begin the war of words that is inevitable every ten years.

They're skating on the tidal basin today. Winter and water flare-backs have their uses, after all.

So far this conversation muss hasn't been laid at the door of the Payne-Adair tariff bill.

## The High Cost of Living

The demand for diamonds is increasing. Fresh eggs remain about the same with prices firm.—Toledo Blade.

There is one consolation—the price of stamps hasn't gone up.—Atlanta Journal.

After it has got the high-priced food question all straightened out, maybe the Goycott League will turn its attention to the way the automobile manufacturers are grinding the poor.—Indianapolis News.

## What's on the Program Tonight in Washington

Meeting of Alexander Hamilton National Association in music room, New Willard Hotel, 8:30 p. m. Annual meeting and election of officers of Aero Club of Washington, Hubbard Memorial Hall, 8 p. m. Northeast Washington Citizens' Association, Northeast Temple, Twelfth and H streets northeast, 7:30 p. m. Georgetown Citizens' Association, Potomac Savings Bank Hall, Wisconsin avenue and M street, 8 p. m. Meeting of the Galen Medical Society of the District of Columbia at the home of Dr. C. C. Ammermann, 2415 Eighteenth street northwest, 8 p. m. Concert at Dumbarton Avenue M. E. Church, 8 p. m. Meeting New Hampshire State Association, 322 Sixth street northwest, 7:45 p. m. Banquet by Burdette Post, G. A. R., Ebbitt House, 7:30 p. m.

## Theaters.

National—"Ben-Hur," 8 p. m.  
Belasco—"Grand opera," 8 p. m.  
Columbia—"Ragtime," 8:15 p. m.  
Chase—"Vaudeville," 8:15 p. m.  
Academy—"Sunset," 8:15 p. m.  
Gaiety—"Billy Watson's show," 8:15 p. m.  
Gayety—"Harry Hastings' show," 8:15 p. m.  
Massey—"Vaudeville and moving pictures," 7 to 11 p. m.  
(The Times will be pleased to announce meetings and entertainments in this column. Phone or write announcements.)

## White House Callers

The Secretary of Agriculture, Senators Root of New York, Flint of Ohio, Gurneheim of Colorado, Gordon of Mississippi, Elkins of West Virginia, Taylor of Tennessee, Representatives Stanley of Kentucky, Dickman of Michigan, Rothermel of Pennsylvania, Foster of Vermont, Morgan of Oklahoma, Creager of Oklahoma, McGuire of Oklahoma, Cooper of Wisconsin, Beach of Wisconsin, Martin of South Dakota, McCredie of Washington, Bishop of Oregon of South Dakota, John Joy Edson, District of Columbia.

## Baron Uchida Will Receive His Colleagues Late This Afternoon at the Japanese Embassy

## Reception to Members of the Diplomatic Corps.

## Guests Will Include Only Members and Families.

Baron Uchida, the newly arrived Japanese Ambassador, and Baroness Uchida will hold the customary reception at the embassy this afternoon, given by each new foreign envoy to his colleagues in the Diplomatic Corps shortly after his arrival at a new post.

The guests, who are asked for 5 o'clock, will include only the members of the corps and their families.

The embassy on K street, formerly the old Sherman residence, will be effectively adorned with palms, ferns and pink roses, and assisting the ambassador and the baroness will be the members of the embassy staff and their wives.

Opera Holds Attention of Society.

Washington's short season of grand opera which opens tonight will claim the almost undivided attention of society folk until Friday. But few conflicting functions have been arranged other than the official entertainments for the week which include the diplomatic dinner at the White House tomorrow night, and the dinner which the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. MacVeagh will give in honor of the President Thursday.

Among the diplomatic society folk who have subscribed for seats are:

The President and Mrs. Taft.  
The Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. George von Meyer.  
The Russian Ambassador and Baroness Rosen.  
The Costa Rican Minister and Mme. Calvo.  
The Minister of Salvador and Mme. Maza.  
The Minister of Honduras, Dr. Luis Lazo.

Senator and Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins.  
Senator and Mrs. George P. Wetmore.  
Senator and Mrs. Simon Guggenheim.  
Senator and Mrs. Edward D. White.  
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MRS. GEORGE M. PULLMAN.

## "At Home" Calendar in Washington Society

Mrs. Walter McLean and Miss McLean, wife and daughter of Captain McLean, U. S. N., will receive this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Navy Yard.

Assisting them will be Miss Baker, of Utica, N. Y., house guest of the Vice President and Mrs. Sherman, who will receive with them; Miss Goodwin and Miss Irwin, who will pour tea.

Mrs. Thomas W. Symons will receive informally this afternoon.

Mrs. Denwood S. White will receive this afternoon.

The Congressional ladies at the Dewey will not receive tomorrow, but will receive on Tuesday, January 13.

Mrs. Arthur Murray, wife of Brigadier General Murray, will receive on the Tuesdays in January.

Mrs. F. H. Briggs, daughter of Senator Fyfe, will receive at the Hamilton Hotel on Thursday, January 13, from 4 to 6 o'clock. Mrs. Briggs will be assisted by a number of Senators and officials. An excellent musical program has been arranged.

The Grand Army posts and kindred organizations are especially invited to attend.

Mrs. John W. Weeks and Miss Weeks will not receive tomorrow, but will be at home the following Tuesdays of the season.

Mrs. William Harryman Rapley will receive Wednesdays in January from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. P. V. DeGraw will not receive today.

Mrs. Thomas H. Anderson will not receive today, but will be at home the following Mondays in January.

Mrs. Benjamin S. Platt and Mrs. Irving Ericker, of 1226 Euclid street, will receive Mondays, January 10 and 24.

The ladies of Layan College, 3531 Thirteenth street, will not be at home Monday evening, January 10.

Mrs. John J. White will receive this afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. MacMurray and the Misses MacMurray will receive Tuesdays in January.

Leave Capital For Visit in Georgia.

The Military Attaché of the British Embassy and the Hon. Mrs. James, accompanied by Mrs. James' sister, the Hon. Rachel Kay-Shuttleworth, of England, their house guest, left Washington yesterday for Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where they will be the guests of Captain and Mrs. Cushman until January 13.

Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Arthur Murray, accompanied by their daughters, the Misses Murray, will leave Washington Friday for Fort Monroe, where a reception and dance will be given in honor of General and Mrs. Murray. They will return to Washington next Sunday evening.

The Swedish Minister and Mme. de Lagercrantz were hosts at dinner last evening at the legation on Sixteenth street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Davis, who spent the last few weeks in Washington, have returned to their home in Charleston, S. C.

John Barrett, director of the Bureau of Industries, Republics, returned to Washington this morning from New York, where he spent several days last week.

Miss Winifred Davis, of the Highlands, will entertain at a card party on Thursday afternoon.

Goes to His Post in St. Petersburg.

John Van A. MacMurray, who spent several weeks in Washington, the guest of his mother and sisters, Mrs. J. W. MacMurray and the Misses MacMurray, sailed several days ago for St. Petersburg, where he is an attaché at the American embassy.

Miss Ruth Bliss will be hostess at cards Thursday evening.

Mrs. Harry Hahn and son are guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Chapman Raphael, of Philadelphia.

## Mr. and Mrs. Kennard Are Hosts at Dinner

The Second Secretary of the British Embassy and Mrs. H. W. Kennard entertained at dinner last evening. The guests included the Counselor of the German Embassy and Countess von Wedel, Mrs. Sidney Small, Miss Alice Wilson, Prince Koudacheff, of the Russian embassy; Lieutenant von Brumming, of the German embassy, and Samuel Weidman.

Miss Margaret Cameron, of New York, will come to Washington this week to spend the winter. She has taken the house at 172 I street, and will have as her guest during the season her sister, Mrs. Belmont Tiffany.

W. Wheeler announces the marriage of his daughter, Lorraine, to Thomas L. Miller. The wedding took place on November 1, 1909, at Alexandria, Va.

U. S. Grant Circle, No. 1, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, will hold a public installation of officers in the large G. A. R. Hall, 142 Pennsylvania avenue, tomorrow evening, at 8:30 o'clock, with Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey officiating.

The hall will be decorated with flags and palms and speeches will be made by a number of Senators and officials. An excellent musical program has been arranged.

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Mrs. George L. Gillespie Entertains at Luncheon.

Mrs. George L. Gillespie, wife of General Gillespie, entertained at luncheon today in honor of Mrs. Garret A. Hobart, widow of the former Vice President, who is spending the winter at the Willard.

The Second Secretary of the British Embassy and Mrs. Ovey were hosts at a dinner party last evening in honor of their house guest, Miss Constance Ovey, of England.

Representative and Mrs. James R. Mann entertained at dinner last evening in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ackert, who will leave Washington shortly for Chicago. Mr. Ackert formerly was president and general manager of the Southern railroad.

Mrs. A. Stigmund, of the Rheinheim Embassy, entertained the Evening Club last night. Vocal and instrumental music were the features of the evening.

Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Sol Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Steinberger, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Minister, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Kahn, and Mr. and Mrs. Sydney C. Kaufman.

Mrs. Edward Kohner and daughter, Katharine, are the guests of relatives in Baltimore, to remain a few weeks.

Invitations are issued for the marriage of Miss Maude Alice Baer, of West Washington, and Ernest Mans, of Tampa, Fla., to take place Wednesday, January 12, 6 p. m., at Rauscher's.

Civil Engineer A. J. MENOCAL, detached navy yard, Portsmouth, N. H., to home and wait orders.

Civil Engineer L. F. BELLINGER, detached navy yard, New York, N. Y., to navy yard, Philadelphia, Pa.

Civil Engineer J. W. G. WALKER, detached Naval Training Station and Naval War College, Newport, R. I., to navy yard, Pensacola, Fla.

Civil Engineer C. W. PARKS, detached naval station, Hawaii, to navy yard, Puget Sound, Wash.

Assistant Civil Engineer J. V. ROCKWELL, detached duty works General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y., to duty navy yard, New York.

Assistant Civil Engineer R. F. SMITH, detached naval station, Key West, Fla., to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for instruction.

Assistant Civil Engineer C. PAUL, detached Bureau of Yards and Docks, to navy yard, Norfolk, Va.

Assistant Civil Engineer R. WHITMAN, detached navy yard, Philadelphia, Pa., to Bureau of Yards and Docks.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.

Arrived—Rocket at Norfolk, Solace at New York, Denver and Galveston at Guam, Chicago at Philadelphia, Mayflower at Havana, Preston at Newport and Prairie at Cristobal.

Sailed—Potomac, Patuxent, Panther and Celtic from New York for Guantanamo, Nebraska, from New York for Guantanamo, New Orleans, from Mare Island for Honolulu, and Yankton from Hampton Roads for Guantanamo.

## Mrs. George M. Pullman Returns to the Capital.

## Takes Apartment at Arlington Until Residence Is Completed.

Mrs. George M. Pullman, of Chicago, has arrived in Washington and has taken apartments at the Arlington until the completion of her handsome new residence, one of the latest additions to Washington's imposing millionaire colony.

In recent years Mrs. Pullman has been spending the winters in Washington and has a host of friends here. Mrs. Frank O. Lowden, wife of Representative Lowden of Illinois, and one of the interesting members of the Congressional set, is a daughter of Mrs. Pullman. Mrs. Pullman will be at home on Thursdays, as usual, throughout the remainder of the season.